

CHIEF JUDGE RICARDO S. MARTINEZ

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	No. CR19-213 RSM
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED
PHILIP B. GILBERT,)	MOTION TO SCHEDULE GUILTY
Defendant.)	PLEA HEARING VIA
)	VIDEOCONFERENCE

THE COURT has considered the unopposed motion of the parties to proceed forward with a guilty plea hearing via videoconference and finds that:

(a) Under General Order 04-20, felony pleas and sentencings may proceed by video or telephone if “the district judge in a particular case finds for specific reasons that the plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.” A plea hearing in this case cannot be delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice; and

(b) Mr. Gilbert would like to take responsibility in this matter and is seeking a sentence of time served; and

(c) Mr. Gilbert wishes to enter a plea as soon as possible in light of a pending sexual assault charges issued out of Contra Costa County California for which he faces extradition; and

1 (d) a videoconference guilty plea hearing would avoid further delays in the
2 ultimate sentencing in this case, which would cause “serious harm to the interests of
3 justice.” See General Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20).

4 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter should be set for a guilty plea
5 hearing via videoconference at the earliest practicable date.

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7 DONE this 4th day of June, 2020.
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